

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB54

Chairperson: Senator Tom Briese

Committee: Executive Board

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2023

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill acknowledges that racial impact statements are a tool for lawmakers to evaluate potential disparities of proposed legislation prior to adoption and implementation. Similar to fiscal impact statements, they assist legislators in ascertaining unforeseen policy ramifications pertaining to racial disparities within our state, thus giving legislators the opportunity to amend their proposed bills to alleviate, or even eliminate, potential harm. This bill makes it mandatory that every legislative bill pertinent to criminal justice and juvenile justice must be accompanied by a statement informing legislators of the effects those bills may have on communities of color or other marginalized groups so that proactive measures can be taken to avoid increasing disparities.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Terrell McKinney